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Amendments to the Claims:

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for recording still picture data of N still pictures stored in separate N files, respectively, and for recording still picture group management information for managing N still picture data of said N still pictures as a still picture group, onto a storage medium, where N is an integer number equal to or larger than one, wherein said still picture group management information is provided separately from any still picture management information containing management information for each still picture, and said still picture group management information includes a first recording time at which the still picture data of an earliest-photographed still picture in said still picture group was recorded first by a picture-taking device, and a last recording time at which the still picture data of a latest-photographed still picture in said still picture group was recorded last by the picture-taking device, said method comprising: the steps of:

comparing a recording time of said still picture data of a still picture, with said first recording time stored in said still picture group management information corresponding to the still picture group belonging to said still picture data; and

if said recording time is earlier than said first recording time, replacing the content of said first recording time by said recording time and performing recording thereof.

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2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, further comprising:  
the steps of:

comparing a recording time of said still picture data of said still picture, with  
said last recording times stored in said still picture group management information  
corresponding to the still picture group belonging to said still picture data; and

if said recording time is later than said last recording time, replacing the  
content of said last recording time by said recording time and performing recording  
thereof.

3. and 4. (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing  
thereon a procedure-program for controlling a computer to record still picture data of  
N still pictures stored in separate N files, respectively, and for recording still picture  
group management information for managing N still picture data of said N still  
pictures as a still picture group onto a storage medium, where N is an integer  
number equal to or larger than one, wherein said still picture group management  
information is provided separately from any still picture management information  
containing management information for each still picture, and said still picture group  
management information includes a first recording time at which the still picture data  
of an earliest-photographed still picture in said still picture group was recorded first  
by a picture-taking device, and a last recording time at which the still picture data of  
a latest-photographed still picture in said still picture group was recorded last by the

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picture-taking device, said procedure program comprising operations for: the steps  
of:

comparing a recording time of said still picture data of a still picture, with said first recording time stored in said still picture group management information corresponding to the still picture group belonging to said still picture data; and if said recording time is earlier than said first recording time, replacing the content of said first recording time by said recording time and performing recording thereof.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium according to claim 5, wherein said procedure further program comprises operations for: the steps  
of:

comparing a recording time of said still picture data of said still picture, with said last recording times stored in said still picture group management information corresponding to the still picture group belonging to said still picture data; and if said recording time is later than said last recording time, replacing the content of said last recording time by said recording time and performing recording thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) A method of recording still picture data of N still pictures stored in separate N files, respectively, and for recording still picture group management information for managing and N still picture data of said N still pictures as a still picture group onto a storage medium, where said N is an integer number equal to or greater than one, wherein said still picture group management

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information is provided separately from any still picture management information  
containing management information for each still picture, said method comprising:  
the steps of:

recording, as part of said still picture group management information, a first  
recording time at which the still picture data of an earliest-photographed still picture  
in said still picture group was recorded first by a picture-taking device, and a last  
recording time at which the still picture data of a latest-photographed still picture in  
said still picture group was recorded last by the picture-taking device, in said still  
picture group management information.

8. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein said storage medium is an optical disk, and where said method comprising recording said still picture data of said N still pictures and said recording still picture group management information in the optical disk using an optical recording device.

9. (New) A computer-readable storage medium according to claim 5, wherein said storage medium is an optical disk, and where said program comprising an operation for recording said still picture data of said N still pictures and said recording still picture group management information in the optical disk using an optical recording device.

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10. (New) A method according to claim 7, wherein said storage medium is an optical disk, and where said method comprising recording said still picture data of said N still pictures and said recording still picture group management information in the optical disk using an optical recording device.